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25X1 Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am writing to you in my role as chairman of a panel for the 1975 International Studies Association meeting in Washington, 19-22 February 1975. It is entitled "Patterns, Purposes and Effects of Arms Transfers to Less Developed States," and its purpose is to bring together those involved in policy-making with those conducting policy research in this issue-area.

The panel has been put together only in the past few weeks, so details are not firm. So far, there will be two presentations by scholars conducting policy research on arms transfers. In addition, the Open Forum Panel of the State Department will give a presentation. Philip Farley, of the Brookings Institution has agreed to comment on the overall policy process regarding U.S. arms transfers.

I would heartily welcome a presentation by the CIA for the panel. A paper is desirable but not required. Maximum use should be made of visual aids. I have enclosed a paper given by Mr. George Ross and myself, which outlines the research effort. You would be free to address any or all of the hypotheses listed (pp. 4-9). As the panel takes shape, I would be sending you further details as to deadlines, formats, etc.

I personally feel that this panel will result in a meaningful exchange of data, opinions and policy alternatives. I look forward to your participation, and would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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